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To suspend collections for the connection of schools and libraries to the Internet, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCARBOROUGH (for himself, Mr. SALMON, Mr. PAXON, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. ENSIGN, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, and Mr. NEUMANN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “E-Rate Tax Morato-
5 rium Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF COLLECTIONS.**

7 Except as otherwise hereafter expressly authorized by
8 Act of Congress—

1 (1) the Federal Communications Commission
2 shall, effective on the day after the date of enact-
3 ment of this Act, suspend the requirements for tele-
4 communications carriers to contribute to support
5 mechanisms to provide services to schools, libraries,
6 and health care providers under section 254(h) of
7 the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
8 254(h));

9 (2) no telecommunications carrier shall, in any
10 bill for telephone service transmitted after 60 days
11 after the date of enactment of this Act, include any
12 charges for contributions to such support mecha-
13 nisms; and

14 (3) no telecommunications carrier shall be re-
15 quired to provide discounted rates for telecommuni-
16 cations services pursuant to such section 254(h) ex-
17 cept to the extent such carrier is reimbursed from
18 collections permitted to be distributed under section
19 3 of this Act.

20 **SEC. 3. DISTRIBUTION OF PREVIOUSLY COLLECTED CON-**
21 **TRIBUTIONS.**

22 Notwithstanding section 2 of this Act, the Federal
23 Communications Commission, or an administering entity
24 designated by the Commission, may distribute amounts
25 collected before the date of enactment of this Act (or col-

1 lected in accordance with section 2(2)), to provide services
2 to schools, libraries, and health care providers under sec-
3 tion 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
4 U.S.C. 254(h)) in accordance with the regulations of the
5 Commission under such section as in effect on the date
6 of enactment of this Act.

